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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR 1974 LF/MF BROADCASTING
CONFERENCE.

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1. WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO GIVE FRG A LIST OF FALLBACK
POSITIONS FOR USE AT FIRST SESSION OF LF/MF CONFERENCE.
WE WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, DISCUSS FALLBACK POSSIBILITIES
AS A MATTER FOR SUBSEQUENT US-FRG NEGOTIATION, TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCLUSIONS OF FIRST LF/MF SESSION, IN
PREPARATION FOR THE ASSIGNMENT CONFERENCE IN 1975.

2. IN REALISTIC LIGHT, WE CAN NOT EXPECT THE FIRST
LF/MF SESSION TO PRODUCE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL CRITERIA
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WHICH WOULD ENABLE PROTECTED ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL EXISTING

AND DESIRED OPERATIONS (BOTH U.S. AND GERMAN) IN FRG AND BERLIN; THIS IN CONSIDERATION OF TOTAL EUROPEAN REQUIREMENTS. RATHER, WE EXPECT FRG TO PURSUE ACCOMMODATION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TRANSMITTERS IN EACH CATEGORY WITHIN A GIVEN AREA (ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY EBU IN DOCUMENT TECH.3206).

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FRG HOLD TO THE AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ITU ADMINISTRATIVE

COUNCIL IN RESOLUTION NO. 719. THAT IS, IN SHORT, ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ASSIGNMENT PLANS BY THE SECOND SESSION IN 1975. THE FIRST SESSION IS COMPETENT TO DEAL ONLY WITH MATTERS RELATED TO NUMBERS AND CATEGORIES OF TRANSMITTERS ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS; THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS DETERMINED TO BE AVAILABLE WILL BE DEALT WITH IN 1975 WHEN SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE. CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED THAT SOME DELS AT FIRST SESSION MAY HAVE "FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT PLANS IN THEIR POCKETS" WHICH THEY WILL SURFACE AND ATTEMPT TO GET ENDORSED. WE EXPECT FRG WOULD OPPOSE SUCH ACTION AS BEING CLEARLY BEYOND THE COMPETENCY OF THE FIRST SESSION.

4. AS INDICATED IN STATE 203280, TELECOMMUNICATIONS ATTACHE, U.S. MISSION, GENEVA, WILL BE U.S. POINT OF CONTACT DURING FIRST SESSION OF LF/MF CONFERENCE. U.S. TEAM WILL VISIT MISSION ON OCTOBER 4 TO BRIEF TELATT AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF MATTERS RAISED DURING CONFERENCE.

5. ABOVE MATTERS WILL BE CONVEYED TO FRG REPS DURING MEETING ON OCTOBER 1. KISSINGER

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